

## **IMMIGRANT VISA FOR A SPOUSE OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN**

American citizens holding a residency visa for the UAE may petition for an immigrant visa for their spouse at the U.S. Embassy in Abu Dhabi.

To request an appointment, please contact the embassy by email at **abudhabiiv@state.gov**. If you do not have access to email, please call the Embassy at 971-2-4142333 between 2:00 and 4:00 pm or send a fax to 971-2-4142241.

At the time of their initial interview at the embassy, applicants will be advised how long they should expect to wait before administrative processing can be completed (1 to 8 weeks). Please do not call the Consular Section to ask for an estimate of the processing time as no estimate can be given before the interview.

**BOTH PETITIONER AND THE BENEFICIARY MUST APPEAR PERSONALLY ON THE DATE OF THE APPOINTMENT WITH THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS.**

### **1. FORMS**

- I-130 PETITION FORM and I-864 AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT FORM - <http://uscis.gov/graphics/formsfee/forms/index.htm>
- DS-230 (I AND II) APPLICATION FORM - <http://foia.state.gov/FORMS/visa.asp>

### **2. PETITIONER'S PASSPORT and ONE PHOTOCOPY**

### **3. SPOUSE'S PASSPORT and TWO PHOTOCOPIES**

### **4. MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE and TWO PHOTOCOPIES of all pages**

- TRANSLATION of marriage certificate and TWO PHOTOCOPIES

### **5. DIVORCE/DEATH CERTIFICATE and TWO PHOTOCOPIES of all pages**

- TRANSLATION of divorce/death certificate and TWO PHOTOCOPIES for both your and your spouse's prior marriages (if applicable)

### **6. SPOUSE'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE and TWO PHOTOCOPIES of all pages**

- TRANSLATION of birth certificate and TWO PHOTOCOPIES

### **7. PHOTOGRAPHS**

- THREE COLOR PHOTOGRAPHS of the applicant and ONE COLOR PHOTOGRAPH of the PETITIONER - Size: 5cm by 5cm (2" by 2") color full face photographs; applicant must be directly facing the camera. The photograph must have a white or off-white background.

### **8. POLICE CERTIFICATE**

- Only from countries in which your spouse lived for more than one year after the age of 16. Not needed from the UAE, Iran and some other countries, please check with the embassy.

### **9. MEDICAL EXAM**

- Must be done in the UAE by approved panel physicians (see embassy website). Must bring vaccination documents.

### **10. PETITIONER'S DOMICILE AND EVIDENCE OF FINANCES**

- Petitioner must be *domiciled* in the US.
- I-864 FORM - <http://uscis.gov/graphics/formsfee/forms/index.htm>
- TAX RETURNS (1040) and W-2 FORM for the last tax year
- NOTE: If the petitioner's income is not earned in the US or from a US company overseas, a joint sponsor must also complete the I-864 form. Petitioner must still be domiciled in the US.

### **11. FEES**

- AED 1314 to file a petition
- AED 1407 for the immigrant visa
- APPROX. USD 150 for the medical exam (paid in AED to the physician)